



SOCIETY and PERSONAL ACTIVITIES of WOMEN



NO SUCH THING AS OVERWORK, OPINION

Not One Overworked Man in All Great Britain, Says London Nerve Specialist.

GLOSSOP, Derbyshire, England, Nov. 11.—"No person has ever suffered from overwork," with that sentence, Prof. William Palmer Wynne, the celebrated nerve specialist, astounded a select gathering of neuroethnics and a fashionably jaded crowd at a public health meeting.

The condition which is generally attributed to overwork, went on the professor, "was always due to a morbid egotism, bad habits and the weakling's craving for sympathy. Undue excitement about trifling derangements of functions leads to that horribly degraded mental state described as 'neurasthenia,' 'nerves' or 'nervous breakdown.'"

"Our great-grandmothers called it 'vapors'—a much better name. But in their day that condition was generally confined to the hysterical young woman. But she was not encouraged. Besides, it was not fashionable in those days. Nowadays it is quite fashionable for grown men as well as women to have attacks of 'nervous breakdowns,' and they are treated with sympathy, bottles of medicine and a 'change of air.' Instead of bread and water and solitary confinement. The 'illness' was generally attributed to overwork, whereas in the whole of my wide medical experience have never seen a person suffering from the effects of overwork."

"In the whole of Great Britain there is not a single overworked man. In fact, thousands—nay, millions—have not enough work to do. The community is very like the individual in this matter. Like the individual, therefore, the community should seek to remedy the defects by attacking the root of the evil. In the community the tendency for normal consciousness of disease leads to fussiness, multiplication and overlapping of effort and a frightful waste of public money in treating more symptoms with what is no better than an opiate for the individual. We cannot afford a national neurasthenia. We spend so much money on the relief of the suffering individual that we have not enough left to attack at all properly the root of the evil. I do not begrudge the poor consumptive his rest and his comfort. We spend £2,000,000 a year on treating consumptives, which is so heavy a national charge that there is no margin left for tackling the problem of conditions which manufacture tuberculosis."

"My ideal state would be one which provided a healthy environment and trained its members to take advantage of it. Having been given the opportunity to do so the individual who failed to keep a clean mind, a clean body and a clean home should be cleaned out by the common hangman."

Police Aroused Over Pawned False Teeth
AKRON, O., Nov. 11.—The police and one of Akron's pawnbrokers are at odds over the discovery of the former that someone has pawned a pair of false teeth. The three-ball dealer says his customer had a new set, but the police suspect robbery.

Wife Hides Children, Faces Court Contempt
ELYRIA, Ohio, Nov. 11.—John W. Tate of Lorain, his former wife arrested for contempt of court in concealing their three daughters, two to six years old, after the court had given him exclusive custody.

THANKLESS JOB!

Woman, Charged With Alienation, Says She Was Only Benefactor

NEW YORK, Nov. 11.—Being an angel on earth is a hard, thankless job.

Mrs. R. L. Hanton, Fifth Avenue social leader, who has been playing the part of a Lady Bountiful for many years, says so.

It leads to too many complications. Take the latest:

She is being charged with alienating the affections of a young wife. All because she took her family under her wing, paid its rent and clothed it!

The charge is made by Roger C. Pierrotti, fashion designer and artist of Cos Cob, Conn. It is denied by both his wife and Mrs. Hanton.

Met in Hospital.
They met five years ago in a hospital. Mrs. Pierrotti was a nurse; the philanthropist a patient. They became attached to each other.

Mrs. Pierrotti told of her marriage. Her husband, she said, was violently jealous of her friends and of books she enjoyed. He would often burn her novels, she said.

His artistic sense, she confided to Mrs. Hanton, seemed to demand other clothes for her than those she chose. He would insist upon her wearing garments he picked. He had a daily schedule for her, as he didn't like to have her go out.

It was too much, the young wife continued, so the couple decided to separate temporarily and Mrs. Pierrotti went into nursing.

Mrs. Hanton became interested. She helped Mrs. Pierrotti. She rented the house where the artist lived with the four children.

Her Reward.
"Having extended kindness and charity," she says, "I have received the inevitable and usual results. Recently she received a bill of \$450."

"But I have always taken a great deal of pleasure in helping people, and I intend to keep on helping them in the hope that some day they will be grateful."



MRS. R. L. HANTON

Mrs. Hanton says she has done only one mean thing in all her life. Recently she received a bill of \$450 for taxi charges. She paid it—With 48,000 pennies, sent to the taxi office in a barrel.

PICKS WORLD'S BEAUTIES



Miss Grace D. Arty, Irish.



Miss Gladys Cooper, English.



Mrs. Lydia Hoyt, American.



Princess White Deer, Indian.



Countess Stoker, Chinese.

BY JOHN O'DONNELL, N. E. A. Service Staff Writer.
NEW YORK, Nov. 11.—"Even the factory girl in England has better ankles than the average American woman."

"English girls dress their hair better than American girls because they show considerable originality and original taste. The American girl is too eager to adopt any mode, however unsuitable to her, which happens to be popular."

These verbal brickbats carefully concealed in a bouquet of elaborate praise are tossed at the American girl by E. O. Hoppe, international beauty expert and famous photographer, who has just published his "Book of Fair Women," a study of feminine beauty, in all countries.

But Hoppe is conscious of the dangers which attend the career of a modern Paris in awarding the golden apple. Judging beauty must develop diplomatic instincts, for

here is Hoppe's clever theory: "Of all the women in the world, the English (Hoppe is English) and American women are the most beautiful. The superiority of the American eyes with their joy de vivre balances the English superiority of ankles and coiffure. English and American beauties run a dead heat."

Hoppe's list of the most beautiful American women is composed of Mrs. Lydia Hoyt, Lady Lavery, Miss Malvina Longfellow, Miss Marjorie Davies and Viscountess Maidstone.

His English selections are Lady Diana Duff-Gordon, Miss Gladys Cooper, Miss Katharine Martin and Helen.

"America is a perplexing country to the artist in search of fair women," declares the beauty expert. "In other lands one merely searches for the national type and waits patiently until one has found the most perfect of that type. But in the United States there is no type;

that cosmopolitan continent furnishes beauty in surprising ranges, from blue-eyed maidens whose natural setting would seem to be Madrid, to those as fair as ever came out of Scandinavia.

"What surprises me a great deal about the American woman is the way in which the Anglo-Saxon influence has been subdued. I had expected to find a predominance of the blond type, but there is more

of the Southern influence—Spanish and Italian—with a considerable strain of Irish.

"American women differ from English women in a certain naive chic—approaching almost to the instinctive grace of the French woman; a certain intellectual flair; a liveliness—all typical of a mixed race, still young enough to be content to imitate unconsciously the type it most admires, and being able to do so since it possesses the inherited characteristics of so many different nationalities.

"Although I am proud of the English girl's eyes, those of her American sister are more striking, for they are more dynamic and more fascinating. The American girl's eyes are spiritually splendid, reflecting keen humor and quick perception in their depths.

"When you converse with women of other countries they adopt a dreamy or faraway look. The American girl looks you straight in the eyes. She gives the impression that her first wish is to be frank, that she has no desire to cover up the window of her soul. In her eyes her every emotion is flashed. She seems to be continually bello-

graphing her personality, her interests, her enthusiasms.

"The gods have endowed the American girl with a comely gait free and rhythmic. I could tell an American girl blocks away by the easy way in which she swings along."

WOMEN, CALLED NO INVENTORS, ROILED

Lady Balfour, Who Made Charge, Target of Patent Expert Who Offers Disproof.

LONDON, Nov. 8.—"No woman," declares Lady Frances Balfour, veteran political leader, "has ever invented anything worth talking about!"

Her words have almost raised an internal war among women. Newspapers have been bombarded with indignant protests and threats that Lady Balfour must eat her words or be forever discredited among women.

And, according to patent agents here, she is talking nonsense. George Rayner, famous London patent expert, points out that Madame Curie discovered radium. An American woman first thought of the paper bag as long ago as 1871. A woman invented the "hump" in the hairpin, which prevents it from falling out easily. A Miss Halle in-

vented papier-mache splints and other surgical appliances. A woman thought of the feeding bottle with a thermometer inside it. Mrs. Wood, patentee of "Woodite," the preparation that prevented incrustation of sides and bottoms of ships, made a fortune out of it.

A daughter of Sir John Thorneycroft Fowler invented a new internal combustion engine. Mrs. Ayrton, widow of the famous scientist, Prof. Ayrton, invented the famous fan for driving back gas and smoke fumes in the trenches.

All patent agents agree that women are seeing ingenious brains to work discovering new things and appliances, particularly in regard to domestic matters. But, as experts point out, more often than not, their husbands manage the business and appropriate the credit!

Woman Decides Valor Outranks Discretion
CINCINNATI, O., Nov. 11.—"It was fight or run, judge, and I'm awful slow on my feet," Mrs. Violet White said the other morning in police court when asked to explain a black eye which she had given Mrs. Mary Bartlett after accusing the latter of stealing her poodle.



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Girl, 9, Believed to be Head of Theft Gang

BELLAIRE, Ohio, Nov. 11.—Arrest of a nine-year-old girl, said to be the leader of a gang of children, it is believed by the police, will solve the mystery surrounding recent petty thefts, particularly of foodstuffs, in the residential section here. The girl was caught trying to loot a refrigerator.

First "White Bluebird" Found in Oregon City

DALLAS, Ore., Nov. 11.—White robins and white blackbirds frequently have been reported, but now comes the white bluebird. Chester G. Gardner, a farmer, whose reputation for veracity is unquestioned, reports a snow-white bird in a flock of bluebirds that has gathered on his farm during recent days.

GNAT BITE FATAL

BARNET, England, Nov. 11.—Miss Kathleen Roberts has died as the result of a gnat bite.

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